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whether the Government have taken any decision on the representation made by the non-teaching staff in Secondary Schools of Madurai district as regards revision of pay scales and service conditions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The matter is still under consideration.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: The representation was given long ago. Will the Hon. Minister at least tell us whether the important representations were considered?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It means financial commitment and so it takes some time. It is easy to say 'No', but Government are considering it.

Library donated by the President of India at Tiruthani

* 219 Q.—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN: (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Library donated by the President of India at Tiruthani was damaged during anti-Hindi agitation;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused to the Library;

(c) the steps taken by the Government against those who caused the damages; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to repair the damages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) a few almirahs, several books, an ornamental glass and two marble tablets were damaged. The damage has been estimated at Rs. 8,000.

(c) Those who had committed the mischief were prosecuted. They were convicted by the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Poonamalee, and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for three months.

(d) The damages have been repaired by Sri Subramanyaswami Devasthanam, Tiruthani.

Labourers employed in the Textile Mills of Coimbatore district.

* 220 Q.—DR. H. V. HANDE (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of labourers employed in the textile mills in Coimbatore district;

(b) the total number of labourers thrown out of job from the textile mills on account of accumulated yarn stocks in the mills in Coimbatore district; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate these temporarily displaced textile workers?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) 56,000.

(b) About 872 workers.

(c) The question was examined by the Government in consultation with the Commissioner of Labour. It was reported that the affected workers were those employed on casual basis or those who were recruited recently. It was further reported that no large scale retrenchment had resulted. It is also reported that a large number of those discharged workers has been taken back into service by certain mills which have resumed the third shift.

Publication of handouts

* 221 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the publication of handouts (regarding anti-Hindi agitation) without mentioning the name of the Press by certain presses at Madurai; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to prevent such recurrence in future?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) Steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of such publications.

திரு. கே. ராமதாஸ்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, மாகாணத்தில் இருக்கிற பல அச்சகங்களில் இந்த மாதிரி அரசியல் பிரசாரம் செய்யக் கூடிய விளம்பர நோட்டீஸ்கள் அடிக்கப்படுவதைக் குறித்து அரசாங்கம் மேற்கொண்டு தீவிர நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முயற்சிக்குமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: இதைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கம் தொடர்ந்து பரிசீலனை செய்து வருகிறது. போதிய சாட்சியம் ஏற்பட்டால் அதைவைத்து நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும்.

Fertilizer plants

* 222 Q.—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any fertilizer plants in the State; and

(b) if so, the names of places where they are located?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) & (b) There are eight fertilizer factories in this State. Six of them are under production and two under construction. They are located at Ennore, Avadi, Cuddalore, Ranipet, Neyveli and Coimbatore.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Out of these eight, how many belong to the public sector and how many to the private sector?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The Neyveli Fertilizer Factory is the only one in the public sector.